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Title:

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RECOVERING DREDGING MATERIAL OF VARYING

NATURE

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Supplemental IDS Submittal

Sir:

During a final review of this application, it has been noticed that the Examiner has erroneously indicated that a reference (Netherlands reference NL 7408623, dated 12/30/1975) cited on the 1449 Form of the December 13, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was not considerable by the Examiner. It should be noted that the reference was first cited in the related International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report, which was also submitted via the same IDS. Therefore, the reference was properly submitted in an IDS (in compliance with the rules) and should have been considered. Accordingly, Applicants again submits NL 7408623 and the International Search Report and International Preliminary Report on Patentability (which explains the relevance of NL 7408623) for the Examiner's consideration, enclosed with a Supplemental 1449 Form, to ensure that the

Examiner has considered the reference for this application. Return of an initialed 1449 form, indicating the Examiner's consideration of NL 7408623 is requested.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura, at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

PTO 1449 Form

International Search Report

International Preliminary Report on Patentability